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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
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6,292,590 B1	09/18/2001	Kondo et al.

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**OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Notice of Patent Grant issued August 16, 2007 in Korean patent application number 10-2003-0089060 (with translation)

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), either English language abstracts, partial translations, or full translations are included for patent documents which are not in English for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Reference E3 is a Notice of Patent Grant issued in the counterpart Korean application. Reference E2 was cited in the Office Action. Reference E1 is the counterpart U.S. application of Reference E2.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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